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AMENDMENT

Sir:

The Applicant sincerely appreciates the guidance provided by the Examiner in a telephone call on February 25, 2002. Pursuant to that telecon, and the September 24, 2001 Official Action in the above-identified matter, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 4, lines 11-18:

FIG. 1A is a schematic diagram of a column-based protocol for manipulating genetic material generally, in accordance with features of the present invention;

FIG. 1B is a schematic diagram of a column-based protocol for manipulating

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